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UNH Honors Top Scholars at May 7 Convocation

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will commend its top undergraduate scholars Sunday, May 7, at the 2000 [Honors Convocation](#), which will be held at the Whittemore Center at 2 p.m. Dennis Meadows, director of the Institute for Policy and Social Science Research at UNH, will deliver the keynote address titled "How to Become Great When You Are Already Terrific."

Meadows, a versatile and prominent scholar, is a professor in the College of Liberal Arts at UNH, and a former member of the engineering faculty at Dartmouth College and the faculty of management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In addition to his role at UNH, he serves as senior academic advisor to Leadership in Environment and Development, a Rockefeller Foundation program headquartered in New York, with members in 13 nations, including India, China, Mexico, Japan, Indonesia and Nigeria. Meadows holds honorary doctorates from several European universities for his contributions to environmental education, and he has lectured in more than 40 nations. One of his eight books won the German Peace Prize.

Approximately 850 students will be honored during convocation. Each will be called to the platform to receive a certificate. In addition, Presidential Scholars will receive a gold cord to be worn at the May 20 commencement.

Convocation also recognizes individual students for extra-curricular achievements, such as community service and leadership, coupled with scholarship. Four awards will be presented: the Dean Williamson Award, John W. McConnell Scholarship, Alumni Meritorious Service Association Prize and the University Folk Club Scholarship.

The UNH Wind Symphony, conducted by Andrew Boysen, assistant professor of music, and the UNH Chamber Singers, conducted by Peter Urquhart, associate professor of music, will perform throughout the ceremony.

A reception on the lawn of Thompson Hall will follow Honors Convocation.

The event is sponsored by the UNH Office of Public Programs and Events. For more information, call 862-1461.

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